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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 1-3, please amend the title to read - DOMESTIC
SYSTEM RESOURCE ACCESS PRIORITY MANAGEMENT METHOD AND
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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the Abstract as follows:

The subject of the invention is a process for managing priorities of access
of applications to resources of devices linked by a communication network.

The process is characterized in that the said process comprises the steps:

- of allocating, to each application, a level of priority of access to the resources of
the network, the said levels comprising at least the following levels:

(a) a first access priority level for an application which is not under the
direct control of a user,

(b) a second access priority level for an application which can be
commanded directly by a user,

of authorizing preemption by a first application of access to a resource,
which access was obtained previously by a second application, as a function of the
respective access priorities of the first and second applications.